

Property Law

Friday 21 March 2025 | 5 hours | 5 CPD points

State of Play: The Year Ahead

For property practitioners, 2025 is shaping up to be 'the year of no rest'. What's coming next, and when? What do you need to know, do, and watch out for? This session will provide an overview of important developments in Property Law in Queensland, review the timeline for when changes come into effect, and highlight the key takeaways for your practice, including:

- Property Law Act reforms in 2025
- BCCM and Module reforms
- Residential tenancy amendments
- Changes to the foreign investment framework
- First home-owner's duty concessions for purchasing and part-home rentals

Presenters:

Anthony Boge, Special Counsel, HWL Ebsworth Lawyers; Accredited Specialist (Property Law) – Qld

Frank Higginson, Partner, Hynes Legal

Chair: **Rukshana Sashankan**, General Manager – Practitioners, PEXA AU

Chaired by Major Partner, PEXA



Seller Disclosure and REIQ Contracts – implementing the Property Law Act changes

In this session we will be working through the key changes relating to Disclosure and REIQ Contracts that practices will need to manage. These will include managing:

- Investigation (including exceptions and BUGTA changes) – a practical discussion, including what may need to be investigated beyond conducting searches.
- Preparation of Disclosure
- Giving of Disclosure – including proof of compliance
- When can a Buyer terminate?
 - Warranties vs Disclosure obligations
 - REIQ Contracts provisions
 - Termination options
 - If Buyer doesn't want to terminate, any compensation options? (before and after Settlement)

Presenters:

Professor Sharon Christensen, Head of Law School, Queensland University of Technology; Consultant, Gadens; Member, Queensland Law Society Property and Development Law Committee

Simon LaBlack, Legal Practitioner Director, LaBlack Lawyers Pty Ltd; Accredited Specialist (Property Law) – Qld

Robert Mackay, Senior Risk Solicitor, Lexon Insurance Pte Ltd

Tracy Skellern, Deputy Risk Counsel, Lexon Insurance Pte Ltd

Chair: **Lynette Barlow**, General Manager of Sales, InfoTrack

Chaired by Major Partner, InfoTrack



Seller Disclosure and REIQ Contracts FAQ Session – what do I need to know?

This session will be an FAQ session where we will walk through the most commonly asked questions that practitioners need to consider both before and after the changes to Seller Disclosure and REIQ Contracts take effect. Our experts have also collated questions submitted by the profession and will focus their advice on addressing the issues that are most important and likely to impact those in practice. We will also be opening up the session to take some queries via the event attendee app on the day.

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Tracy Skellern, Deputy Risk Counsel, Lexon Insurance Pte Ltd

Chair: **Murray Walter**, Director of Partnerships, Dye & Durham

Chaired by Session Partner, Dye & Durham



A taxing matter – GST fundamentals in property transactions

GST in property transactions can sometimes feel like “tongs and rubber gloves” level subject matter. This session breaks property GST matters down into the major parts every junior lawyer needs to know about. We'll cover key concepts like input-taxed sales, sellers not registered for GST, “plus/includes GST”, GST-free going concerns, the Margin Scheme and apportionment for properties with mixed GST treatments.

Presenter: **Julian Creagh**, Associate, Wilson Lawyers

Chair: **Billy Dent**, National Sales Director, Commercial Property, First Title

Chaired by Session Partner, First Title



Ins and outs of commercial leasing

This session will provide an in-depth overview of commercial leasing, covering key terms, common issues, and practical considerations, including:

- The *Property Law Act 2023* [Qld]
- Incentives
- Surrenders
- Insurance

Presenter: **Aaron Webb**, Partner, Thynne + Macartney; Accredited Specialist (Property Law) – Qld

Chair: **Peter Nugent**, Partner, PiperAlderman

